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REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6-10, 13-17 and 20-35 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1, 8, 15, 22, 27 and 32 have been amended to more particularly define the invention. Claims 4-5, 11-12 and 18-19 have been canceled.

It is noted that the claim amendments are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicant specifically states that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 5, 12 and 19 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Although Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims are allowable, Applicant notes that claims 1, 22 and 27 have been amended to include the features of allowable claim 5, claims 8 and 32 have been amended to include the features of allowable claim 12, and claim 15 has been amended to include the features of allowable claim 19.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-3, 6-10, 13-17 and 20-35, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

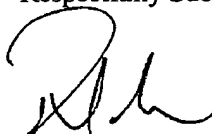
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Respectfully Submitted,

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment was filed by facsimile with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Examiner Ting Zhou, Group Art Unit # 2173 at fax number 571-273-8300 this 7th day of December, 2005.



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